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BIO TECHNOLOGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Department of Bio-technology has sought constitution of an independent Bio-technology Regulatory Authority to bolster Bio-technology research, growth and investment ;

(b) If so, the details thereof ;

(c) The reaction of the Union Government thereon; and

(d) The time by which it is likely to be constituted ?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES(KAPIL SIBAL)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) The Ministry of Agriculture & Cooperation had submitted a Note for Cabinet for setting up of National Bio-technology Regulatory Authority (NBRA) and resubmitted a revised Note for Cabinet after the proposal was considered by the Committee of Secretaries (COS). After the approval of the Note by the Cabinet, the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation would send the whole report to the identified Department for setting up of NBRA for taking follow up action, thus no specific time frame can be committed at this moment.DBT has not sought separately for constitution of an independent bio-technology regulatory authority.